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Gregory J. Strimbu, Primary Examiner
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Re: Invention Name: CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT STRIPPING HAVING
GRIPPING UPRIGHTS THEREON
Application Number: 09/940,208
Filing Date: 08/27/01

Dear Mr. Strimbu:

This letter follows on our telephone conversation of March 2, 2004. I appreciate you taking time to talk to me about the application. Per our conversation, I will shortly be filing a petition to revive my client's application, which was either unavoidably or unintentionally abandoned. Clearly, we did not intend to abandon the application, and we both agreed to that fact.

You indicated that upon the filing of a request for continued examination, you would expedite, to the extent you could, the handling of the file. You felt that based on the latest response, the application was in proper form for allowance. However, you might have to do a supplemental search as a part of the RCE. However, should the search reveal no new authority, which would undermine the patentability of my client's invention, your statements was that you felt the application was in proper form for allowance.

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Therefore, I will shortly be filing a petition to revive the application and contemporaneously, a request for continued examination. I look forward to working with you once those matters are filed and finalized. Hopefully, we can long last put this matter to bed.

Sincerely,



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